

**Should Lloyd George Come Out for Single Tax.**

**MUST BE CIRCUMSPECT**

**Danger of Alienating the Big Land-owners.**

**LARGE PROBLEMS PRESENTED**

**Many Liberals Anxiously Awaiting Outcome of the Land Inquiry Committee.**

Special Correspondence of The Star.

LONDON, October 18, 1912.

There are plenty of men in the liberal party who are looking forward to the outcome of Lloyd George's land inquiry committee with not a little anxiety. People often talk as if all the landowners, big and small, are on the other side. Of course, that is a mistake. A good many of the big landowners, the Cavendishes, the Portmans and Leveson-Gowers and many other families of the historic landed aristocracy were quite good liberals. Then came the home rule split.

Since it reached the haven of office in December, 1905, liberalism has shed a few more of its historic converts, but even down to the present hour it has retained a good many of its lords of broad acres. One of its supporters is Lord Breadalbane, the keeper of the privy seal of Scotland. He is the owner of about 200,000 acres, mainly in Perthshire. Lord Clifton, also a liberal, owns about 71,300 acres, mostly in Cornwall and Cambridgeshire. His son and heir is the liberal member for the St. Austell division of Cornwall.

#### Cabinet Landowners.

Though land is not strongly represented in the cabinet of Mr. Asquith, it is in Mr. Gladstone's last cabinet, it still has a fair show. Lord Crewe owns about 25,000 acres, including miners' in Yorkshire and Staffordshire; Lord Beauchamp has about 7,000 less, while the colonial secretary possesses a fine landed estate in Oxfordshire, which has belonged to the Harcourts since the days of the Normans. Sir Edward Grey also has a compact ancestral estate in Northumberland.

Outside the cabinet but in the ministry Lord Aberdeen cuts a respectable figure, with 28,000 acres or thereabouts. Lord Spencer, the lord chamberlain, owns about 27,200 acres, while Lord Granard, the master of the horse, who married Miss Ogden Mills, has 21,300 acres. In due course Lord Ashby St. Legers, the paymaster general, will be almost the biggest landowner in the ministry. He is the eldest son and heir of the aged and invalid Lord Wimburn, who owns 35,000 acres. Lord Portsmouth, who was under-secretary for war in Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's time, owns about 16,000 acres. He is now, however, described as a liberal unionist.

#### Holdings of Liberal Peers.

The holdings of peers who are liberals are as follows: The Duke of Manchester, about 70,000 acres; Lord Rosebery, more than 33,000 acres; Lord Coleridge, chief liberal whip in the house of lords, about 30,000 acres; Lord Northampton, about 25,000 acres; Lord Carrington, president of the board of agriculture, 20,000, 111, 27,000 acres; Lord Ripon, about 15,000 acres; Lord Sefton, about 20,300 acres; Lord Sandwich, about 20,000 acres; Lord Mountgarrett, about 14,700 acres; Lord Derwent, about 12,800 acres; Lord Kimberley, about 11,200 acres; Lord Acton, lord in waiting, about 7,000 acres; Lord Buckinghams, about 6,000 acres; Lord Tweedmouth, former lord in waiting, about 6,000 acres; Lord Glenconner, Mr. Asquith's brother-in-law, about 5,200 acres; Lord Ribblesdale, master of the hucknaby, about 4,800 acres; Lord Shaftesbury, chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, 1886, about 4,200 acres; Lord Aberdare, about 4,000 acres, and Lord Peel, about 4,000 acres.

As a matter of fact, every liberal peer has some land, and in many instances the acreage is very extensive. Lord Alton, liberal whip, 1905-1907, ranks among the big landowners. Lord Liverpool has a great deal of land in Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire. Lord Strathairn, parliamentary secretary to the board of agriculture, 1900-1901, has his estates in Somerset. Lord Marchmont, chief liberal whip in the commons from 1905 to 1908 as Mr. George Wyndham, is now the owner of Hawkstone Park, the estate of the Hill family, in Shropshire. Lord Elgin, colonial secretary, 1895-1898, has his ancestral estates in Scotland. Landlords of a recent date are Lord Swaythling, brother to the undersecretary of state for foreign affairs, and Lord Devonport, chairman of the Port of London authority.

#### May Desert Lloyd George.

A word must be said about the liberal peers who, having acquired in this generation great fortunes from the pursuit of trade, commerce and industry, have invested a large amount of their savings in land. It is generally understood that they have been generous supporters of their party's funds during the past few years. Some of them, it is said, are not enamored of certain of the measures of Lloyd George's liberalism up-to-date. If the chancellor's forthcoming land proposals do produce a split in the party, it is not unlikely that they will not enjoy the support of some of these gentlemen. The best known of the liberal captains of industry who have invested in land are: Lord Furness, lord of two manors, owner of about 20,000 acres and the patron of seven churches; Lord Joicey, owner of estates in Monmouthshire and Northumbria, the latter including the historic seat of Lord Cowdray; the head of the Mexican Oil Company, the Standard Oil's biggest rival, has purchased in recent years Cowdray Park, the estate of the Percivals, Earls of Egmont, in Sussex, and Duncton, in Aberdeenshire, which belonged at one time to Lord Crawford and Balcarres.

Besides these are Lord Abercromby and St. Davids. The former is chairman of the Metropolitan Railway Company, chairman of the British Iron Trade Association and of various shipping, coal and iron companies and owns considerable estates in several of the northern counties of Wales. His possessions include a watering place in Pembrokeshire. Lord St. Davids, who is a self-made man as far as his enormous interests in the Argentine, in shipping and in other directions are concerned, has extensive landed interests in Pembrokeshire, where his ancestors have been seated continuously almost since the dawn of British history.

#### Landowners in the Commons.

There is a fair number of rank and file liberals in the house of commons who can speak as landowners. Lord Rosebery has just told us that his son, Mr. Neil Primrose, has a landed stake in Norfolk. Sir John Emmott Barlow is lord of the manor of Bradwell and owner of the Bradwell Hall estate, in Cheshire; Sir Harry Berney owns about 3,000 acres in Buckinghamshire, and Sir T. C. Warner is an owner to the extent of about 4,000 acres. Mr. David Davies, the Croesus of the natives in the Welsh parliamentary party, is also a landowner. It would not be too much to say that the entirely landless liberal M. P. is in the minority.

The facts being as stated, Mr. Lloyd George and his land inquiry committee will have to be circumspect in their proposals if they wish to avoid a serious party split, which would lose him the men who have been the principal providers of the sinews of war. The conversation that goes on daily in the clubs makes it clear that such proposals as the single tax, land nationalization and

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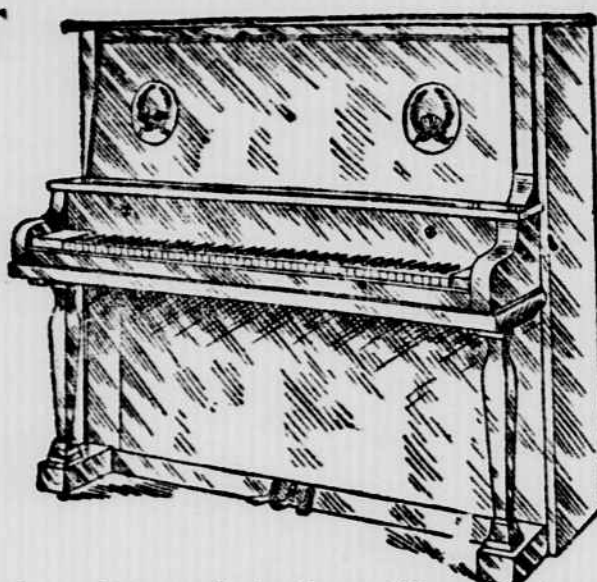
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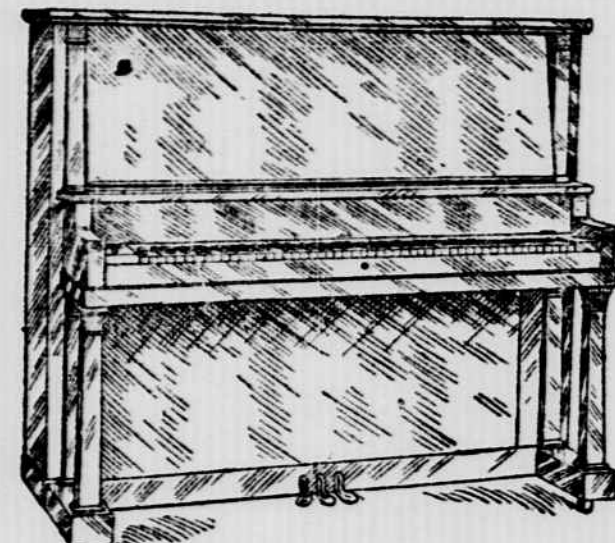
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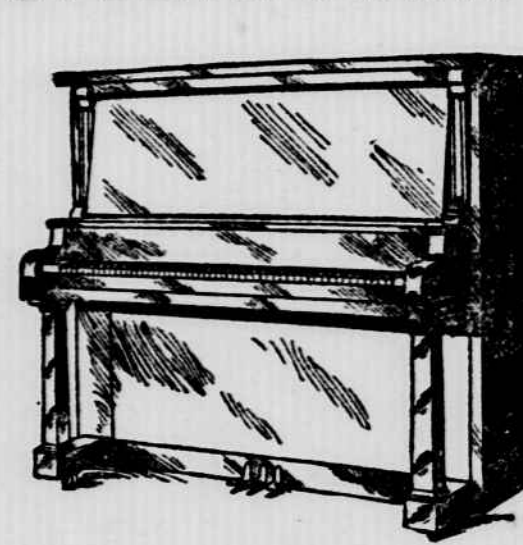
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By Thornton W. Burgess.

Peter Rabbit sat in his secret place in the middle of the old briar patch. Peter was doing some very hard thinking. He ought to have been asleep, for he had been out the whole night long. But instead of sleeping he was wide awake and thinking and thinking. "You see, early the night before Boomer the Nighthawk had told Peter Rabbit that Sammy Jay was 'way up in the far-away Old Pasture.' Boomer had seen him going to bed there and had come straight down to tell Peter. This was great news and Peter could hardly wait for Boomer to stop talking he was so anxious to spread the news over the Green Meadows and through the Green Forest, for Peter is a great gossip and cannot keep his tongue shut.

So he had hurried this way and that way telling every one he met how Boomer had seen him going to bed in the Old Pasture. But no one believed him. "Wait and see! Wait and see!" said Jimmy Skunk. "It's just a trick," said Bobby Coon. "But Boomer the Nighthawk saw him up there going to bed and talked with him," said Peter. "Perhaps he did and then again perhaps he didn't," replied Bobby Coon. "But Boomer has a way of talking that he has brought down to the Laughing Brook from Farmer Brown's cornfield for Boomer Coon very much and always washes his food before eating. 'For my part,' he continued, 'I believe that Boomer the Nighthawk has made up that story to help Sammy Jay fool us.'

#### RARE STAMPS INSURED.

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The rare stamps exhibited at the jubilee international stamp exhibition in London have been so heavily insured that the rates have gone up at London. In the beginning the exhibitors, who are now valued at close on a quarter of a million sterling, were generally insured for \$50,000 on a sliding scale which permitted increments of \$10,000 to be added from time to time as the value grew. But since then much private insurance has been effected by the owners of costly collectibles. All the rare stamps, as a matter of fact, are continually insured against all con-

a lie—and I don't believe that Boomer would do anything like that!" cried Peter. "Just then there was a shrill scream of 'Thief! thief! thief!' over the alder bushes. It certainly sounded like Sammy Jay's voice. "What did I tell you? Now what do you think?" cried Bobby Coon. "Peter Rabbit didn't know what to think and he said so. He left Bobby to eat his corn and spent the rest of the night telling every one he met what Boomer the Nighthawk had said, but, of course, no one believed it, and every one laughed at him, for hadn't they heard Sammy Jay screaming that very night?"

So now Peter sat in the old briar patch, thinking and thinking when he should have been asleep. Finally he yawned and stretched and then started along one of his private little paths.

"I'll just run up to the Green Forest and try to find Sammy Jay," he said. So Peter hunted and hunted all 'through the Green Forest for Sammy Jay and asked everybody he met if they had seen Sammy. But no one had, though every one took pains to tell Peter that they had heard Sammy in the night, and they laughed at Peter's story about Boomer the Nighthawk. At last Peter found Sticksfoot the Tree Toad. He was muttering and grumbling to himself and didn't see Peter. Peter stopped to listen, which was, of course, a very wrong thing to do, but what he heard gave Peter an idea.

(To Parents: In order to determine the popularity of Little Stories for Bedtime, The Star would like to hear from its readers whether or not they enjoy this feature, and why. Address Children's Editor, The Star.)

#### A Thackeray Dedication.

From the London Chronicle.

A doctor who achieved literary immortality by his refusal of a fee was John Elliotson, who attended Thackeray during a serious illness in 1848. To him, in return, Thackeray dedicated "Pendennis." "Thirteen months ago," he wrote, "when it seemed likely that this story had come to a close, a kind friend brought you to my bedside, whence, all probability, I never should have risen but for your constant watchfulness and skill. I like to recall your great goodness and kindness (as well as many acts of others, showing quite a surprising friendship and sympathy) at that time, when kindness and friendship were most needed and welcome. And as you would take no other fee but thanks, let me record them here on behalf of me and mine."

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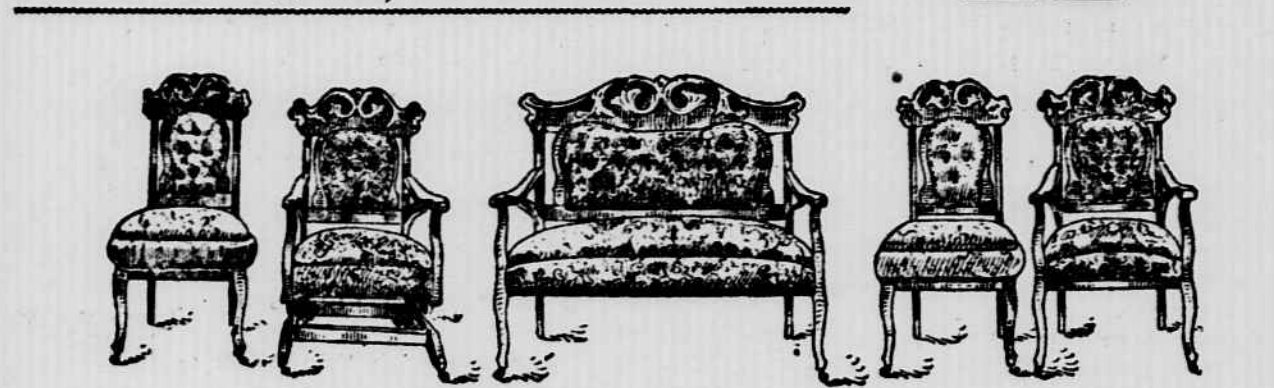
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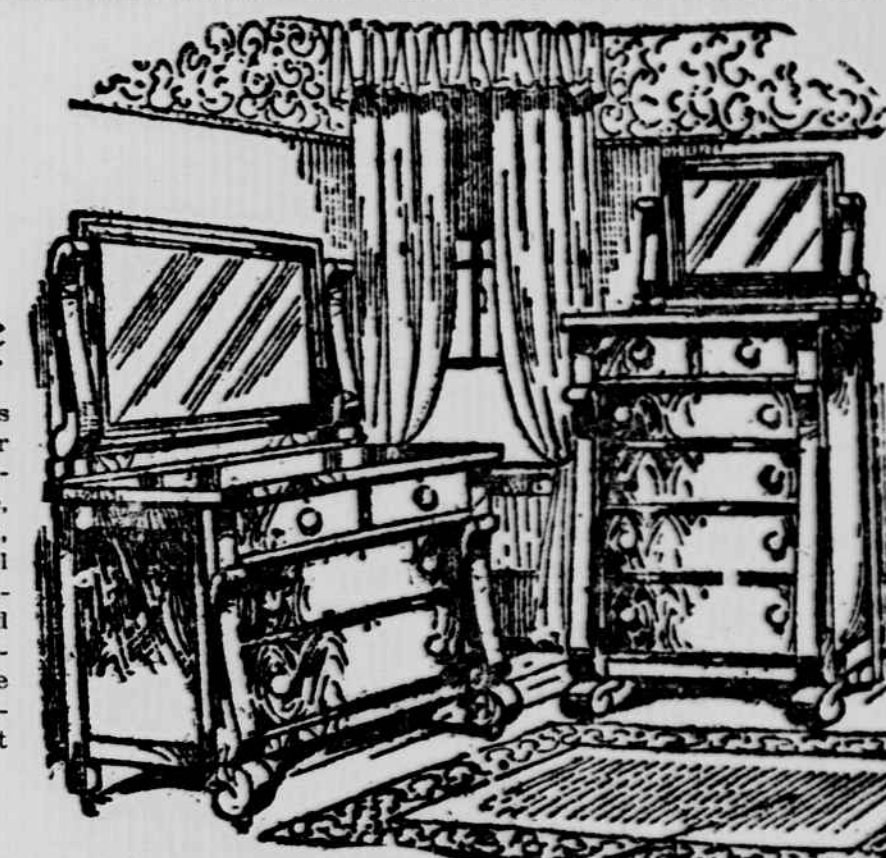
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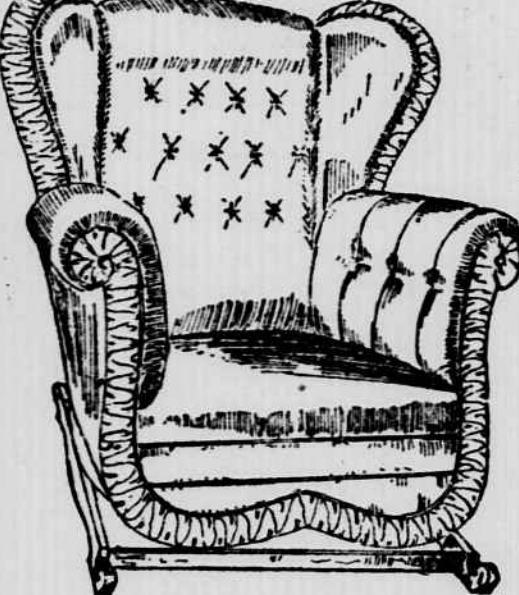


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